

**Surprising Frequency of Allusions to Birds in the Scriptures and Always to Teach an Important Lesson—Ornithology Is Surely a Divine Science.**

Noah sits on Sunday morning at the window of the ark, in his hand a cooling dove, so gentle, so innocent, so affectionate, that he can hardly keep it from flying over his shoulders, giving him little doses of love over his ears. "How good," he says, "and tell us whether it is safe to land." After a long flight it returned hungry and weary, and by its looks and manners said to Noah that it was safe to land. "It is not fit for you to disembark," Noah said one week, and next Sunday morning he let the dove fly again for a second exploration, and on Friday evening it came back with a leaf that had been plucked from a living fruit tree, and the bird reported the world would do tolerably well for a bird to live in, but not yet sufficiently recovered for human residence.

"I will wait another week," said Noah. Sunday morning he sent out the dove on the third exploration, but it returned not, for it found the world so attractive now it did not want to be caged again, and then Noah knew that the world was no longer landed. It was a bird that told them

Let there be contention among Christians, and they will say: "Hurrah! The church is in decadence." Christ intended that his church should always remain a speckled bird. Let birds of another feather

THE DIVINE PLAN IN NATURE.  
Surely these nests were built by some plan. They did not just happen so. Who drafted the plan for the bird's nest? God!

**Crushed Hopes.**

"And what answer do you make to my appeal?" he asked as he knelt at her feet.

"James, I will be frank with you," she murmured.

"Oh, speak," he implored, "and relieve me from this agony of suspense."

"Then let me tell you it cannot be."

"Why so? Oh, why not?"

"Because, James, I do not feel able to support a husband and"—Texas sittings.

iron pan put the small bits of fat trimmings from a piece of beef, and let it simmer for five hours on the back of the range. Strain it and set it in the refrigerator. To make three pies of ordinary size take a cupful of this fat—or half a cup, and add a cup of butter and a saltspoonful of salt rub to a cream with a wooden spoon. Add four cups of flour and mix thoroughly with the hands; pour a cupful of ice water into a hole in the center of this. Mix quickly with a spoon.—Exclamation.

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